

White Rock Elementary School

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February Newsletter...

Hello all,

We are back in the swing of things after the winter break. The students are working hard to meet their goals academically, socially and emotionally. We thank the many parents that have been able to help on field trips and for hot lunches recently. We'd also like to thank you for your support of the Jump Rope for Heart initiative. Don't forget to show your school spirit by wearing black on February 10, red on February 14 and pink on February 22. I look forward to meeting more parents in the coming months. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Take care,

Jas Atwal

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Upcoming Events

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- ◆ Pink Shirt Day
- ◆ Kindness Focus

Kindergarten Registration...

It's time to register for KINDERGARTEN. Those children who will turn 5 before January 1, 2024 are eligible to begin school in September 2023. Registration began on Monday, January 16th and can be done through the online school District website.

To register, take pictures (to attach) or (scan and attach) the citizenship for both the parent and your child, proof of residency, and proof of guardianship. For proof of residency, we require any three of the following: purchase or rental agreement, income tax statement, property tax statement, utility bill, drivers licence, Care Card, BC identification or a signed letter from your landlord. These can also be scanned and attached (or take pictures to attach).

It is very important to register as quickly as possible as the District bases the teacher allocation based on our enrollment. Thank you for your assistance in getting registrations in as soon as possible.

Please refer to the following link for the choice fine arts lottery:
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/987/kindergarten-choice-lottery>

Upcoming Calendar Events...

Feb 6-10 Jump Rope for Heart Week
 Feb 7 PAC Meeting 6 pm
 Feb 8 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
 Feb 9 Hot Lunch – Kesari
 Feb 10 Wear Black for Black History Month
 Feb 13 Planet Protector Presentation/Assembly
 Feb 13, 15, 16 Joanne Howard Artist
 Feb 14 Wear Red for Valentines Day
 Feb 16 Hot Lunch - Booster Juice/Fresh Slice
 Feb 17 Black History Colouring/Art Contest (Due)
 Feb 20 Family Day Holiday (No School)
 Feb 20-24 Kindness Week
 Feb 21 Reading Link Challenge
 Feb 22 Kindness Colouring/Art Contest (Due Date)
 Feb 22 Pink Shirt Day (Wear Pink Clothing)
 Feb 23 Hot Lunch Boston Pizza
 Feb 24 Non-Instructional Day (No School)
 Feb 27 Drop Everything And Read Event
 Mar 2 Hot Lunch - Fuel Catering
 May 7 Soundwaves Choir (Bell Centre)
 May 8 Primary Choir Performance (Bell Centre)
 Mar 8 Social Studies Fair
 Mar 9 Hot Lunch - White Spot
 Mar 10 Report Cards Go Home
 Mar 10 Last day before Spring Break
 Mar 13-23 Spring Break (No School)
 Mar 27 First day back (From Spring Break)
 Apr 7 Good Friday
 Apr 10 Easter Monday
 Apr 13 Vancouver Symphony Trip

Black History Month

February is Black History Month in Canada. During this time, Canadians celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous country. A periodic table of Black Canadians will be posted for our students to study throughout the month. We ask you to wear Black on February 10 to support Black History Month. There will be a colouring contest due on February 17.



Weather/Change of Clothes

Some students have had to call home to get a change of clothes after Recess or Lunch as they have slipped and fallen. It is not a bad idea to have a change of clothes at the school or in their backpack, particularly the primary students. Please have your child dress for the weather.



Lunches/Water Bottles

Students should bring water bottles and lunches to school daily in the morning. If you need to drop off a lunch, please label the lunches and place them on the table in the lobby. Please bring special lunches like Subway or McDonalds to the Office



NOTICE

ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT
TO MAIN OFFICE

Parent Visitor Protocol

All visitors must report to the office of the school due to safety reasons. One of our office staff will be happy to assist you. You can contact your child's teacher to make appointment if necessary.

Lates and Absences

Please call and let us know if your child will be late or absent. We call you if you have not called in so we can ensure the safety of your child. If we are not available to pick up the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine. This would help us at the office immensely.

(604-531-5731)

PAC Meeting-Feb. 7th

The PAC will be holding their next PAC Meeting on February 7th at 6 pm. Come and meet Mr. Atwal. If you need babysitting, please contact the PAC and they will provide childcare during the meeting. All parents at the school can attend the PAC Meeting and have input/find out about what the PAC is planning for the year. We hope to see you there. whiterockpac@gmail.com

Pink Shirt Day / Anti-Bully Day

Pink Shirt Day is February 22, 2023. Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. It has since been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying. Pink Shirt Day aims to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting workplaces, communities and schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all people. While all people can be the target of bullying, some groups or individuals experience more bullying than others. Please encourage your children to be accepting of all people regardless of their beliefs, race, skin colour or identity. We encourage you to wear pink on Anti Bully Day. Anyone that ordered a shirt will receive them before February 22.

Drop off and Pick Up Safety Policy...



Please drive slowly at drop off and pick up times. The parking lot beyond the rainbow crosswalk is for staff only. Please do not park there. Parents should move forward for drop off in the “Kiss and Go’ area. Please do not park in the drop off only zones as it creates a safety concern for pedestrians. Back up into visitor spots if possible so you can see pedestrians when you leave. We are working on getting a second crossing guard for the Roper Street walkway near the school steps.

Kindness Focus / Weeks

Kindness Weeks will take place between February 14-23. We will be asking students to do Random Acts of Kindness during this time. We will have a have a colouring contest due on February 22, hand out several Kindness Rocks tickets during the week. Student will participate in Kindness activities in their classes. We want to promote Kindness at the school and remind students that Kindness Rocks. Congratulations to Hazen Chelsea, Bella, Maite, Adora, Maneet and Shania for winning our Kindness Rocks Prizes this week.

Valentines Day Wear Red

Valentines Day takes place on February 14th. Wear Red on this day to show your school spirit.



New Addition Progress

The last hurdle in gaining occupancy for the new wing is the approval of a height variance. The School District will be presenting that the finished product needs a variance of height of 4 inches to the White Rock City Council on February 27. If all goes well, we will be able to move into the new wing before Spring Break. Our staff and students are eagerly waiting to move in. More information will be provided at the PAC meeting. The City will be sending letters to residences in the area about the height variance for the council meeting.

Illness Protocols

If your child is not feeling well please do a daily health check to determine if they should stay home. If your children are repeatedly coughing, sneezing or have flu like symptoms, it would be better to keep them at home. We do not want ill students to pass on their illness to other students or staff.

Be Kind to Yourself
Be Kind to Others
Be Kind to Your School



WRE School Clothing

School spirit clothing will be sold as a way to show our WRE pride! Orders can be done online through the school cash online system only, and will be taken up until Friday, March 3. Please see the pictures & descriptions below to preview what is being offered. Order forms will be available February 7 2023.

T-Shirts: \$12 each

- 100% cotton
- Front logo screened on
- Compacted yarns to minimize shrinkage
- Colour: Royal Blue



Sweatpants: \$38 each

- 50/50 cotton/polyester fleece
- Front logo screened on
- Elastic waistband & cuffs
- Colour: Sport Grey

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school Jump Rope for Heart event is happening this week during our gym blocks. The students will be participating in different skipping events at the school and learning about healthy habits. We are also raising funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Up to date, we have raised \$1350 out of our goal of \$2000. Did you know that 8% of the funds will come back to the school to purchase equipment the students can use to keep healthy. Please donate at the following link.

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdfunder.ca/19336>





JOURNEYS INTO KINDERGARTEN POP-UP SESSION SERIES



Please join Surrey School District and community partners as we support children and families as they transition into kindergarten. We are holding a series of virtual information sessions for parents and in person play sessions for children birth-5 years old. During these sessions, topics will be discussed with parents/caregivers and children will participate in play-based learning activities. Resources and activities to do at home will also be shared. We hope you can join us!

Date	Time	Format	Location	Topic
January 11 th	6:30-7:30pm	Virtual	Microsoft Teams (Registration required to receive link)	Information about Registering for Kindergarten (Parents/Caregivers)
February 15 th	10:00-11:00am	Virtual	Microsoft Teams (Registration required to receive link)	Dispelling the Myths of Kindergarten (Parents/Caregivers)
March 6 th	12:30-2:30pm	In Person	FRAFCA Awahsuk 14589 108 Ave.	An Eagle takes flight (Parents/Caregivers and children)
April 18 th	3:00-6:00pm	In Person	Metis Family Services 100-7485 130 St.	Springing into Kindergarten (Parents/Caregivers and children)
May 6 th	10:00am-1:00pm	In Person	Options 100-6846 King George Blvd.	Let's Play (Parents/Caregivers and children)
May 25 th	10:00am-12:00pm	In Person	Clayton Community Centre 7155 187a St.	Read & Play (Parents/Caregivers and children)
June 6 th	10:00am-12:00pm	In Person	Unwin Park 13313 68 th Ave.	Outdoor Learning (Parents/Caregivers and children)

To participate in virtual sessions, parents/caregivers will need to download Microsoft Teams on their device. Instructions on how to access Teams is provided [HERE](#). Registration is encouraged for all sessions.

Click Here

TO REGISTER!

<https://forms.office.com/r/EfbXPELmzu>



Metis Family Services
La Societe De Les Enfants Michif



If you require more information or need assistance with registration, please contact Stefanie Parr at parr_s@surreyschools.ca.

A Tie in to Kindness and Anti-Bullying is this District Brochure. Please read this and go through this with your children.



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Saying to Discrimination

The Surrey Board of Education is committed to the prevention of unlawful discrimination, and does not accept any action of intolerance or discriminatory treatment of students or staff on the basis of:

- *a person's race, colour or creed*
- *gender*
- *religion*
- *disability*
- *political affiliation*
- *sexual orientation*
- *other reasons prohibited by the Human Rights Code and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

(Subject to bona fide exceptions outlined in the Human Rights Code such as affirmative action)

What is discrimination?

Discrimination involves inappropriate comments or actions that relate to the attributes listed. It also includes disparagement by slurs, jokes, graffiti, stereotyping, teasing, threats, harassment, intimidation, abuse, violence and systemic discrimination.

What is the impact of discrimination?

Everyone suffers when discrimination occurs. People may feel humiliation, or anxiety. Learning and working relationships may break down. Tension and an escalation of inappropriate conduct may permeate the environment

What should you do in cases of discrimination?

Students: A student who feels that he or she has been discriminated against or who witnesses discrimination may discuss the concerns with the

person causing the discrimination or, if preferred, with his or her teacher, a counsellor or principal.

Employees: An employee who feels that he or she has been discriminated against or who witnesses discrimination may discuss the concern with the person causing the discrimination or, if preferred, with his or her immediate supervisor unless the concern is with the supervisor, in which case it should be discussed with an appropriate district supervisor or manager.

Employees should also refer to the applicable collective agreement for direction.

What can the school district do?

The Surrey School District is committed to providing learning and working environments which are free from discrimination.

The school district expects that students and staff treat each other with mutual respect. It also encourages people to speak out when acts of discrimination occur. The district will take appropriate actions against those who are discriminatory.

- **All staff** have a responsibility to deal with acts of discrimination. Where reported incidents are not satisfactorily resolved, they shall be reported to an administrative officer or supervisor for action, and, if appropriate, recorded for future reference.
- **Teachers** have the responsibility for identifying racial and discriminatory bias as it may be present in the curriculum.

***Accepting
Registrations
for Sept 2023***

**WHITEROCK LICENSED
SCHOOL AGE CARE**



**Alex House
children's centres**



Before School (7:30-8:30am) & After School Care - (2:30 - 5:30pm)

Full-day Care for all school closure days

Limited full-time and part-time spaces available

www.alexhouse.net

For further information, please call 604-535-0015



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